

## Chief Goodwin Names 2 New Assistant Chiefs, cont'd from pg 1

Battalion Chief Antonio R. Thomas has been appointed Assistant Chief of Fire Department – Administration. Chief Thomas is also a 29 year veteran and is only the third African American to ascend to the rank of Assistant Chief. He will bring a unique blend of fire suppression experience and administrative abilities to the position. He holds an AA degree in Fire Protection Technology. He is also certified as Fire Officer I & II, Fire Fighter I & II and Fire Instructor I. He has certificates of training in Petroleum Tank Emergencies, Emergency Responder, Hazardous Materials, Fire Prevention Inspections, Arson Detection, Building Construction and Instructional Techniques for Company Officers.

Both members have received departmental commendations for acts of heroism and unit citations for actions performed working as a team unit with other members of the fire department to accomplish difficult tasks under adverse conditions.

“I have a tremendous amount of confidence in these men to help me get our department moving in a very positive direction”, said Chief of Fire Department William J. Goodwin, Jr. “We’ve got a lot of work in front of us. I think we need new ideas and enthusiasm to take the fire department to even higher levels of commitment and service to the citizens of Baltimore and these men will help to accomplish that goal.”

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In order for things to get better, it's going to take vision and commitment. In the past, we have all been guilty of complaining about how bad things are, and if only we had a chance we could make things better. Here's our chance! I look forward to the challenge. How about you?

## In Memoriam

*To the faithful who have answered their last alarm, and whose loyalty and devotion to duty will forever remain paramount in the annals of the City of Baltimore and its Fire Department.*

**Pump Operator John P. Mullan** - Retired - Engine 3 - October 14, 2001

**Lieutenant Gregory C. Clayton** - Retired - Engine 52 - October 31, 2001

**Lieutenant Francis E. Kotmair, Sr.** - Retired - Truck 30 - October 31, 2001

**EVD George J. Weider** - Retired - Truck 29 - November 26, 2001

**EVD Parlett Alban** - Retired - Engine 42 - November 26, 2001

**Battalion Chief Frank F. Snyder, Sr.** - Retired - 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion January 1, 2002

**Fire Fighter Littleton B. Wyatt** - Retired - Engine 29 - January 4, 2002

**Fire Fighter Richard Holt** - Retired - Truck 17 - January 2, 2002

**EVD William F. Day** - Retired - Truck 3 - March 15, 2002

## Clay Henry Visits BCFD cont'd from pg 2

Firefighter/Paramedic Henry was made famous for his significant weight loss with help of eating Subway sandwiches. He treated members of the Oldtown and Steadman station with some of Subway's trademark sandwiches and even went on a rescue call with Truck Company 1. The camaraderie between Firefighter/Paramedic Henry and our members holds true to the fact that the Fire Department is one big brotherhood.

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*From the Desk of*  
**Fire Chief**  
*William J. Goodwin, Jr.*

Well in case you haven't heard, let me be the first to tell you it's a new day in the fire department. I've been trying, as hard as humanly possible, to visit each fire station. I wanted to greet each of you to personally thank you for your help and support. If I haven't yet visited your station, expect to see me soon.

I also wanted bring you all up to date as to what's going on in the department. Of course, all of you understand that there needs to be positive changes. There are many things in the department that we do well, and we want to continue to improve upon those things. But there are also some things that need to be reworked. We are currently looking at innovative ideas on how we can maximize our resources and transform this department into the greatest fire department in the United States.

As I take an overall look at our department, there are some objectives I'd like to achieve in the very near future. There are some things I'd like to see happen in the not too distant future, and long term objectives I'd like to see happen in the days ahead.

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All of you are probably aware of my vision to make our firehouses more community friendly. I'd like to see community groups hold their meetings in our firehouses. I want chil-

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## Chief Goodwin Names 2 New Assistant Chiefs

In one of his first major moves as Chief Of Fire Department, Chief William J. Goodwin, Jr. has named his selections of Assistant Chief of Fire Department-Operations and Assistant Chief of Fire Department-Administration. The posts are second highest rank in the department, with the appointees answering directly to the Chief of Fire Department. The appointments are the initial phase of Chief Goodwin's senior staff development.



*Assistant Chief of Fire Department-Administration*  
Antonio R. Thomas



*Assistant Chief of Fire Department-Operations*  
Michael A. Moritz

Battalion Chief Michael A. Moritz has been appointed Assistant Chief of Fire Department – Operations. He is a 29 year veteran of the Fire Department. He served as supervisor of one of Baltimore's busiest sections. He has a B.S. in Fire Service, is certified as Fire Officer I & II, Fire Fighter I & II, Anti-Terrorist Training and Incident Command Tactics. He holds certificates of training from the National Fire Academy in Fire Dynamics, Advanced Fire Administration, Incendiary Fire Analysis & Investigation, Political & Legal Foundations of Fire Protection, Managerial Issues in Hazardous Materials and Analytical Approaches to Fire Protection.

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## Baltimore City Fire Department Dedicates the First of 10 New Medic Units

The Baltimore City Fire Department dedicated four new advanced life support units on Friday, March 8, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in front of City Hall. The units are just a start in



Chief Goodwin and Chief Carter in front of new medics at City Hall

the replacing of the older Medics. Medic 16 will be housed at Engine 33, located at 801 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Medic 17, housed at Engine 29. Located at 4312 Park Heights Avenue. Medic 2, housed at 1601 Broening Highway, and Medic 3, housed at 3123 Greenmount Avenue. The F-450 Super Duty units weigh 1 1/2 tons each and were built by PL Custom Emergency Vehicles, a New Jersey-based company. The units are also 4-wheel drive, which allows more efficient service during inclement weather.

Fire Chief William Goodwin, Jr., and EMS Manager Chief Lloyd Carter, were available at the dedication, along with several paramedics.

## Clay Henry Visits BCFD

Clay Henry, Firefighter/Paramedic of the Columbia, South Carolina Fire Department and spokesman for Subway, visited the Baltimore City Fire Department headquarters on Tuesday, March 5, 2002.



Chief Goodwin greets Subway's Clay Henry

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## Inspector Detector Program Teaches Children Fire Safety



Did you know that the Baltimore City Fire Department, Medical Bureau and the Safe Kids Coalition have implemented a program called "Inspector Detector?" So far, over 1,000 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Baltimore City Public Schools have participated. "Inspector Detector" teaches overall fire safety as well as the importance of having a working smoke detector and "fire safety checklist" to review with their parents and return it to school, where it will be collected by EMS personnel. Those who return the completed checklists are given a Fire Department gift package, complete with sticker, fire hats, coloring books - all aimed at fire safety.

The information collected from the checklists has proven to be invaluable, especially when dealing with educating our citizens about the importance of fire prevention.

## The Baltimore City Fire Department Blood Drive

The Baltimore City Fire Department, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, held a blood drive on Friday, March 8, 2002. The Blood Drive was held at the Fire Academy at 6720 Pulaski Highway from 12 noon to 6:p.m. in the Auditorium. According to Chief MacKenzie, coordinator of this endeavor, over 120 units of blood have been donated since this effort began in 2001. He encourages all department members to participate in future drives as the warm weather approaches.



## -- BCFD/Medical Bureau In the Community --



April 25, 2002 -

May 1, 2002

**Baltimore Saves Lives Week**  
City-wide kick off Location and time  
TBA Training  
schedules will be as follows:

- a. April 25, 2002 - Live promotion
- b. April 26, 2002 - CPR Training in 9 Baltimore City Public Schools - 3 elementary, 3 middle, 3 high school
- c. April 27, 2002 - CPR training in 4 area churches (TBA)
- d. April 29, 2002 - CPR training at the Fire Academy
- e. April 30, 2002 - CPR training at the colleges - Morgan State, Baltimore City Community College, Coppin State College, and University of Baltimore
- f. CPR training at 4 area Senior Centers (TBA)

May 10, 2002 -

## Baltimore Safe Kids Week Kick off

John Ruhrah Elementary School  
701 Rappola Street  
Time TBA

Co-sponsored by the Baltimore Safe Kids Coalition.

This Project stresses the importance of **"Protecting Our Knowledge by Wearing Head Gear."** Children will receive free bicycle helmets on behalf of the Lawyers Association.

May 19, 2002-

May 26, 2002  
**EMS Week - Lots of Activities planned. Stay tuned for details.**



## From the desk of the Fire Chief, cont'd from pg 1

dren to feel like the firehouse is a place of security; a place where they can find help. You may ask why that's important? The answer is simple. There are stations, which are active today only because the community went to bat for them. Conversely, there are stations that are no longer in service because they were not intricately involved in the community.

By now you should have also seen the order distributed about our dress uniforms. My goal is to issue a sack coat and pants to every member of the Baltimore City Fire Department. My hope is that this will restore pride in the uniform we wear and boost morale in the department.

We are about to enter a new era. We should not be a race or clique directed department. We should return to being what we've always been, a service oriented department.

Our department does not have room for discrimination, not by race or sex. If we learned any lesson from September 11<sup>th</sup>, it should be that we all bleed blue. We've got to find ways to reunite this department because there's strength in unity.

In my visits, I've discovered some very real issues with EMS. Our Paramedics and Fire Fighter Paramedics are facing some challenges that are reflective of our changing times. We will work together make our department "One Department."

There is a lot of work to do. I don't have all the answers but I know where to find them. You, the outstanding men and women of this department are the resource network. I'm going to need your ideas, support and your patience. We have launched a Quality Improvement Initiative. Please forward your positive suggestions on how to make our department better to:

**Quality Improvement Initiative**  
Fire Department Headquarters  
414 N. Calvert Street  
Baltimore MD, 21202

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